Amendment
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IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace the claims of record with the following full set of claims:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3.   (Currently amended)   Method for recording information on a record carrier in response to a format command or a close track session command, the method comprising:

receiving a format command or a close track session command, and
[[-]]   writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command, and

wherein if a write error occurs in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information the write error is ignored and

wherein the data block comprising unused information is comprised in a lead-in or a lead-out.

4. (Previously presented) Method as claimed in claim 3 that wherein the used information is a reserved block.

5. (Currently amended)   Method for recording information on a record carrier in response to a format command or a close track session command, the method comprising:
[[-]]   receiving a format command or a close track session command, and
[[-]]   writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command, and

wherein if a write error occurs in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information the write

error is ignored, and

wherein the unused information is comprised in a data area and that the unused information comprises a data block filled with all zeros.

6. (Currently amended)   Method for recording information on a record carrier in response to a format command or a close track session command, the method comprising:

[[-]]   receiving a format command or a close track session command, and

[[-]]   writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command, and

wherein if a write error occurs in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information the write error is ignored, and

wherein the record carrier is a write once record carrier and the unused information is not comprised in an inner-disc count zone, or in a recorded area indicator, or in a control data block, or in a table of contents, or in a SDBC, or in a session control data or an outer disc administration zone.

7. (Currently amended) Method for recording information on a record carrier to a format command or a close track session command, the method comprising:

[[-]]   receiving a format command or a close track session command, and

[[-]]   writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command, and

wherein if a write error occurs in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information the write error is ignored, and

wherein the record carrier is a rewriteable record carrier and the unused information is not comprised in an inner disc identification zone or in a control data zone or in an outer disc identification zone.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously presented) Recorder for recording information on a record carrier in response to a format command or a close track session command, the recorder comprising:

an interface, and

a processor coupled to the interface for receiving a format command or a close track session command through the interface and coupled to writing means for writing data blocks in response t the format command or close track session command, and

wherein the processor is operative to ignore an error when an error occurs while writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information and

wherein the data block comprising unused information is comprised in a lead-in or a lead-out.

11. (Previously presented) Recorder for recording information on a record carrier in response to a format command or a close track session command, the recorder comprising:

an interface, and

a processor coupled to the interface for receiving a format command or a close track session command through the interface and coupled to writing means for writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command, and

wherein the processor is operative to ignore an error when an error occurs while writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information, and

wherein the unused information is a reserved block.

12. (Previously presented) Recorder for recording information on a record carrier

in response to a format command or a close track session command, the recorder comprising:

an interface, and

a processor coupled to the interface for receiving a format command or a close track session command through the interface and coupled to writing means for writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command, and

wherein the processor is operative to ignore an error when an error occurs while writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information, and

wherein the unused information is comprised in a data area and that the unused information comprises a data block filled with all zeros.

13. (Previously presented) Recorder for recording information on a record carrier in response to a format command or a close tracks session command, the recorder comprising:

an interface, and

a processor coupled to the interface for receiving a format command or a close track session command through the interface and coupled to writing means for writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command, and wherein the processor is operative to ignore an error when an error occurs while writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information, and

wherein the record carrier is a write once record carrier and the unused information is not comprised in an inner-disc count zone, or in a recorded area indicator, or in a control data block, or in a table of contents, or in a SDBC, or in a session control data or an outer disc administration zone.

14. (Previously presented) Recorder for recording information on a record carrier in response to a format command or a close tracks session command, the recorder comprising:

an interface; and

a processor coupled to the interface for receiving a format command or a close track session command through the interface and coupled to writing means for writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command, and

wherein the processor is operative to ignore an error when an error occurs while writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information, and

wherein the record carrier is a rewriteable record carrier and the unused information is not comprised in an inner disc identification zone or in a control data zone or in an outer disc identification zone.

15. (Currently amended) Method for recording information on a record carrier in response to a format command or a close track session command, the method comprising:

[[-]]   ~~a processor~~ receiving a command from an interface to apply a format to the record carrier in preparation of the recording of user data or a command to a close track session command, and

~~wherein the processor is operative to ignore~~ ignoring an error when an error occurs while writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information, ~~then the error is ignored~~ not within at least one essential zone defined on the carrier.

16. (Currently amended)   Recorder for recording information on a record carrier in response to a command to apply a format to the record carrier in preparation of the recording of user data or a command to close a tracks session, the recorder comprising:

an interface, and

a processor coupled to the interface for receiving the format command or the close track session command through the interface and coupled to writing

means for writing data blocks in response to the format command or close tracks session command, and

wherein if a write error occurs in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information the write error is ignored <u>when the error is not</u> <u>within at least one essential zone defined on the carrier.</u>